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**From:** Borries, Samuel  
**Sent:** Tue 4/1/2014 6:51:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: ERS4 HOT ISSUES for Indianapolis, due COB Thursday

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**From:** Gebien, Charles  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 11:21 AM  
**To:** Borries, Samuel  
**Cc:** El-Zein, Jason  
**Subject:** RE: ERS4 HOT ISSUES for Indianapolis, due COB Thursday

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## **Emergency Response to BP Whiting Refinery Crude Oil Release, Whiting, Indiana**

On March 24, 2014 EPA responded to a release of crude oil into Lake Michigan from the BP Whiting Refinery in Whiting, Indiana. Crude oil originating at the facility's 12 pipe area cooling system flowed to the adjacent water treatment plant and into the water separator, which became oversaturated with oil and began discharging directly to Lake Michigan via the permitted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) outfall. BP immediately deployed 1,000 feet of boom around the discharge and began vacuum truck operations to remove the oil from the separator unit. When EPA arrived on scene, there was no visible discharge of oil from the NPDES outfall to the lake. Oil was observed in the water behind the boom, and recovery operations were being conducted in the separator unit and on the lake shore. As of March 31, 2014 all containment boom along the beach has been removed except for boom encircling the BP outfall. On March 30, 2014 35 survey points on the bottom of the cove were evaluated for submerged oil. As of March 31, 2014 there is no indication, based on the results of the survey, that there is any submerged oil in the surveyed area of Lake Michigan.

### **Messages:**

- EPA responded quickly and is overseeing oil cleanup work with the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Contact:** Mike Beslow, Superfund Division, (312) 353-8678, [beslow.mike@epa.gov](mailto:beslow.mike@epa.gov)

**From:** Borries, Samuel  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 12:01 PM  
**To:** Gebien, Charles; Durno, Mark; Mankowski, Matthew  
**Cc:** El-Zein, Jason  
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Hot issues for Indy and Statewide. Please see below.

**From:** Rogers, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 11:50 AM  
**To:** Bahr, Ryan; Ballotti, Doug; Baltazar, Debbie; Bolen, Bill; Borries, Samuel; Bumba, Lauren; Carney, Wendy; Clements, Mindy; Cowgill, David; Czerniak, George; Didier, Matthew; Dufficy, Joseph; Durno, Mark; El-Zein, Jason; Frey, Bert; Garl, Jerri-Anne; Gebien, Charles; Guerriero, Margaret; Harris, Michael; Haugland, John; Henry, Timothy; Hogan-Chereskin, Jean; Holst, Linda; Hopkins, Dan; Hulting, Melissa; Hyde, Tinka; Jaffess, Sharon; Kaplan, Robert; Karl, Richard; Klevs, Mardi; Korleski, Christopher; Maraldo, Dean; Moloney, Mark; Mooney, John; Nagle, Richard; Nelson, Diane; Newell, Marietta; Newman, Erin; Pierard, Kevin; Poy, Thomas; Ribordy, Michael; Schmitt, Lawrence; Setnicar, Mary; Short, Thomas; Simon, Verneta; Sypniewski, Bruce; Taliaferro, David; Tanaka, Joan; Tschampa, Andrew; Walter, William; Walts, Alan; Westlake, Kenneth; Deamer, Eileen; Beckmann, Ronna Erin  
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Greetings all!

The RA will be attending an event in Indianapolis the morning of Wednesday, April 9. We need Hot Issues for Indianapolis specifically, and any major Indiana statewide issues. Please send your issues to me, Mike Rogers, in Public Affairs before COB Thursday, April 3.

I *may* be working with a dated distribution list, so if this request no longer applies to you, please pass it along to the correct person in your area.

Thank you!

J. Mike Rogers

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